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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT TOPIC General Information from KVP Division SchwerinEVALUATION  25X1 PLACE OBTAINED  632687DATE OF CONTENT  25X1 25X1DATE OBTAINED  DATE PREPARED 13 May 1954REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS 

1. In early March 1954, KVP units in groups of up to 1,000 troops with infantry weapons and up to 20 to 25 trucks towing guns left Prora on several days for training in the terrain.

2. Prior to 2 April, the following KVP units were in installation Prora:

1 tank regiment with T-34/85 tanks

the 3d Inf Regt

an artillery regiment numbering about 800 men who were armed with 24 x 76-mm guns and 12 x 122-mm howitzers

1 AAA battalion with about 30 x 37-mm AA guns

1 AT battalion with about 24 x 45-mm and 76-mm AT guns

All units were subordinate to the division headquarters in Schwerin. One Major Hacke was regimental commander. The artillery regiment held firing practice in Jaegerbrueck near Eggesin. The batteries transferred to the training area by rail.

3.  the Grenadier Kaserne in Schwerin quartered a KV division headquarters and a signal battalion on 9 April 1954. An infantry regiment of the division was located in Stornbuchholz.

4. Throughout the day on 13 April, troops in the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock received infantry training. At morning roll call on 20 April 1954, about 360 officers and 340 NCOs and EM fall in in the yard. It appeared that the troops received infantry and AT artillery training. Weapons observed included about 20 AT guns of various calibers and 8 SU-76s.

comment. Except for the engineer battalion and reconnaissance battalion of the division, all units of Division Schwerin are confirmed at their posts. The reconnaissance battalion is carried in the Kaserne on Werder Strasse in Schwerin and the engineer battalion in Prora. The

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strength estimates regarding the weapons of the AAA and AT artillery battalion appear to be too high. [REDACTED] the infantry regiment in Rostock numbers 1,300 to 1,400 men. Artillery firing practices of Division Schwerin at Jaegerbrueck training grounds have repeatedly been determined on the basis of observation on rail movements.

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